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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, *et al.*,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILBUR L. ROSS, JR., *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:20-cv-05799-LHK

**DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO COURT  
ORDER, ECF No. 291**

Defendants respectfully submit the attached twelfth declaration of James T. Christy, which responds to the Court's Order regarding certain emails submitted to the Court. ECF No. 291. As Mr. Christy has explained, he and his staff have spent over 116 hours addressing communications by field workers to which this Court has ordered responses. *See* ECF No. 260-1 ¶ 14; ECF No. 278-1 ¶ 9. These responses detract significantly from their duties to monitor key census operations in the critical closing stages of the 2020 Census. In light of the Court's statement that it "in no way intends to manage or direct the day-to-day operations of" the Census Bureau, ECF No. 208 at 78, Defendants submit that the Court should reinstate its previous practice of simply "remind[ing] all parties and interested parties who wish to communicate with the Court that any such communications shall be made in filings on the Court's docket." ECF No. 214. Those parties may be directed to U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Census Bureau, or "the President of the Federal Bar Association's Northern District of California Chapter for any assistance in locating a lawyer." ECF No. 93.

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Respectfully submitted,

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